

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2004-167

March 16, 2004

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY  
Annual Price Change Pursuant to the  
Alternative Rate Plan (Post Merger)

PROCEDURAL ORDER

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**I. DESCRIPTION OF PROCEEDING**

On March 15, 2004 Central Maine Power Company (CMP or Company) submitted its annual price change filing pursuant to the Commission's Order in *Central Maine Power Company, Request for Approval of Alternative Rate Plan (Post-Merger) "ARP 2000,"* Docket No. 99-666, Order Approving Stipulation (November 16, 2000). By way of this filing, CMP has proposed to decrease its distribution rates by 0.53% which is comprised of the application of the basic formula of inflation minus the productivity offset as well as inclusion and exclusion of certain one time items. According to CMP, application of the ARP's Service Quality Index (SQI) mechanism resulted in no penalties against the Company for 2003 calendar year performance.

**II. OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVENE**

Any person who wishes to participate in this case as a party should file a petition to intervene in accordance with Section 722 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure no later than **March 26, 2004**. Copies of petitions to intervene should also be mailed to Stephanie McNeal, Central Maine Power Company, 83 Edison Drive, Augusta, ME 04336.

Objections to any petitions to intervene may be made at the initial case conference, scheduled below.

**III. TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

On March 9, 2004, in order to facilitate the filing of this case, the Examiner in this matter issued Temporary Protective Order No. 1 (Specific Customer Data) and Temporary Protective Order No. 2 (Proprietary Business Information). The Examiner will consider extension of the terms of these temporary orders at the initial case conference.

**V. CASE CONFERENCE**

An initial case conference on this matter has been scheduled for March 31, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room. The following matters will be considered at such time:

- 1) Petitions to intervene;
- 2) Extension of the temporary protective orders;
- 3) Identification of likely issues in the case; and
- 4) Development of a schedule for timely disposition of the case.

**V. SERVICE OF NOTICE**

A copy of this Notice shall be served on parties in Docket Nos. 99-666 and 2003-179.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

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Charles Cohen